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SENATE BILL 628

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE
CORRECTION OF OUTSTANDING DEFICIENCIES AT THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL
FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL
FOR THE DEAF PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-24-5.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2006,
Chapter 95, Section 6) is amended to read:

"22-24-5.6. OUTSTANDING DEFICIENCIES AT CERTAIN STATE
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.--

A. In consultation with the higher education
department and the applicable board of regents, and after
reviewing the existing five-year facilities plan and the
facilities condition assessment, the public school facilities
authority shall verify the assessed outstanding health, safety

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1 or infrastructure deficiencies at the New Mexico school for the
2 blind and visually impaired and the New Mexico school for the
3 deaf and shall develop a plan to correct the deficiencies.

4 B. ~~[To the extent that money has been appropriated~~
5 ~~for such purposes]~~ The council may approve allocations from the
6 fund and, working with the higher education department and the
7 applicable board of regents, enter into construction contracts
8 to correct the deficiencies.

9 C. The council shall establish oversight functions
10 for the public school facilities authority and such other
11 guidelines and conditions as it deems necessary to ensure that
12 the allocations from the fund pursuant to this section are
13 expended in the most prudent manner possible and consistent
14 with the original purpose.

15 D. As used in the Public School Capital Outlay Act,
16 "public school capital outlay project", "capital outlay
17 project" or "project" includes a program for the correction of
18 deficiencies at the New Mexico school for the blind and
19 visually ~~[handicapped]~~ impaired or at the New Mexico school for
20 the deaf pursuant to this section.

21 E. As used in Sections 22-24-5.1, 22-24-5.3 and
22 22-24-5.5 NMSA 1978 and in Paragraph (10) of Subsection B of
23 Section 22-24-5 NMSA 1978, "school district" includes the New
24 Mexico school for the blind and visually impaired and the New
25 Mexico school for the deaf."

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